

Washington Massage

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Convention Schedule

Thursday

Thursday night the registration desk will be open from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Black Angus Motel Lobby. There will be a Buffet Luncheon at the Atomic Health Center, 26 East Third Avenue, at 6:00 PM for all members and guests that arrive on Thursday evening. Everyone come early and stay late for a fine Social evening together.

Board meeting at 8:30 PM Thursday evening at the Black Angus Motel.

Friday

Registration desk open 8:00 to 8:30 AM in motel lobby. Opening exercises in the Social Club will begin at 8:30 sharp. Adjournment at 4:00 PM. The swimming party will convene at the Black Angus pool at 4:30. Be sure to bring your swim suits. Those of you who do not wish to swim may rest and visit in the shade of the pool canopy and at the tables there. Buffet luncheon will be served at 6:00 PM around the pool. The rest of the evening will be yours to spend as you please.

Saturday

Opening exercises at the Social Club at 8:30 AM. Adjournment at 4:00 PM and the banquet will be served there at 6:00 PM with an hour of entertainment by the best western band in the Pacific Northwest, The Cascade Troubadors. Dismissal will be at 8:00 PM. All members and guests are invited to stay at the club for the evening if they so desire or they may go swimming, sight seeing or what have you.

Sunday

Group breakfast at the Social Club at 8:00 AM with scheduled speakers and business meeting at 9:00 AM. Convention adjournment for year 1957. All morning sessions will be filled up with the many items of business to be taken care of. Afternoons will be an adventure in the field of speakers, lectures, chart talks, demonstrations and films. Scheduled speakers are: Dr. Jennie Cotner M.D., Spokane, Scientific Swedish Massage; Dr. Charles Mitchell D.O., Pasco, Pointers in Reading Gray Film; Jess Williams R.M. Kennewick, The Colon and its Care; Fred Lick, Pasco, Self-Analisis of Your Person and Your Business; G. Stewart Horsley, Salt Lake City, R.M., Parafine Bath; Minnie Kiem, R.M., Nampa, Massage Lecture.

Films to be shown are: The Human Body; Circulatory System; Healthy Lungs, and Nutrition.

If you miss this program you will be missing some fine educational features. Make your plans now to attend this:

FIVE STATE CONVENTION IN FIFTY-SEVEN HELD IN FOOT-HILLS OF HORSE HEAVEN.

Your \$16.00 registration fee will cover your Banquet, Buffets, and Breakfast. The remainder of the \$10.00 will be used to defray convention expense. Other group lunches must be planned on at noon Friday and Saturday because it is too far to go to other eating places in so short a lunch hour.

The Souvenir Programs are at the printers now and will be out in time for you to have your copy before convention.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By the time this issue of the Washington Massage News, goes to press, our year of 1957 will be ringing down the final curtain, on the last act, the Five State Convention.

From my point of view, it has not been successful year, for the Washington State Chapter, we have been at a standstill for the past four years, or since my affiliation with the A.A.M.M. in 1953. We take in two or three members a year and that many drop out. Our greatest need is new members and many of them. Our A.A.M.M. should be so attractive in benefits and sociability that non-members should be seeking membership, instead of holding out, to see what may happen.

It's my opinion, that the only way new members can be induced to become members is by personal approach from successful members, seeking out prospective members in their vicinity, and selling them on the benefits to be expected from membership, in this "ational Organization.

I regret that I am unable, because of the limited time, to do what I feel is necessary, and many of you are in the same boat. As many of you know, I am employed, and you also know that my time is not my own. During my working hours of six days a week I can not take care of my correspondence, I do not have the liberty to use the telephone, as I would have in my own office. Most of the prospective members I know of have shorter working hours than I have, so they are not in thier offices before I go to work, and are out and gone, when I am through the day. Correspondence does not do the business, it will take personal calls, by a member with the right personality and approach.

Due to my six day a week schedule, as an employee of the Washington Athletic Club and one day a week (my Sundays) are given to my Port Townsend clientele, when I put in eight to ten hours, I feel that I can not serve the State of Washington Chapter of A.A.M.M. as it should be done, so I do not want to be considered as a candidate for re-election to the office I now hold, your state president. I do appreciate your confidence in me for that office at our last convention, I haven't accomplished anything and could be keeping some one out of that office, that could really take the bull by the horns and get our association rolling, and serve the membership, loyally and well.

I developed a case of laryngitis a short time ago, the irritation causes spasms that contract the larynx under the slightest stress, so that no sound comes forth, making it embarrassing and annoying so that if I am able to get a leave, to attend convention our vice-president, may be called upon to conduct the convention. From this distance, it does not look at all favorable for me to be able to get away to attend the convention unless I can find a reliable relief masseru to work for me those three days, I am stuck right here. This club will make no effort to be lenient, as the saying goes, "the show must go on."

Yours for the biggest, best and most successful convention ever held for the year 1957 in the Hills of Horse Heaven.

Fraternally,
John A Murray R.M.
Washington State Pres.

The next meeting of the Seattle A.A.M.M. will be held at the Dinner Bell restaurant, 1422 4th avenue.

Dinner will be served at 7:00PM, meeting will follow.

The Date, July 20th, 7:00PM

Dorothy Mann
Sec. treas A.A.M.M.

O R E G O N N E W S
(South of the Columbia, Down Oregon Way.)

Again I would like to call your attention to the Five State Convention to be held at Kennewick, Wash. this coming Junes 6,7,8 and 9th. Since our national convention is so far away, I feel as many as can should try to attend this get together, if only for a few days. It's money and time well spent and where could you have a finer vacation meeting others of our profession and enjoy their lasting friendship?

With the passing of the '57 State Legislature, a lot of Laws were made, some killed and a lot of resolutions died in committee. However, NOW is the time for us to start a Bill to regain our lost prestige and RIGHTS when they took away our Massage Commission and made us 'homeless orphans'. We must take the lead in this matter and make our demands fully two years ahead, so there won't be any misunderstanding that we mean business and to keep forever of some nincompoop trying to throw a monkey wrench into our Massage Laws. Don't forget, the Reg. Therapists of Portland would all like to see us work only under prescription, which gives rise to a new organization of the Commercial Therapist who prefer to work with or without the doctors.

Don't forget our next bi-monthly meeting will be held in Eugene Oregon, July 14th with Ruth Fine as hostess. A good turnout is requested as election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Her address is 592 W. Broadway St., phone DI36738. Everyone who has room in their cars please give a ride to those who need transportation.

May I remind you again of the special assessment made at the last meeting to raise funds for sending a State Rep. to the nat'l convention rather than deplete our bank finances and leaving nothing for the new sec.-treas. to work with.

Thanking you again I beg to remain as

Sincerely yours,
C.A. Tyler, Pres.

Ladies , don't forget your formals. We want to look elegant for the occasion of the banquet.

For students who will not be with us full time at convention, registration fee will be \$2.00 , and the Friday night buffet is \$2.50; the Saturday Banquet \$3.00; Sunday Breakfast \$1.50. Otherwise these meals are included in the regular \$10.00 registration fee. Group luncheons for Friday and Saturday will be paid individually at \$1.25 each.

Registrations are comming into the Black Angus Motel rather slowly. They wonder if we are really having a convention or if I am having a pipe dream! I tell them to "Cheer up." They will wonder where they are going to put every one! I HOPE!

Please make every effort to attend this years convention . I don't think you will be sorry.

COME ! BRING YOUR FAMILIES!

TAKE A WELL EARNED VACATION!

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER
GIVEN AT THE ROCK ISLAND QUAD STATE CONVENTION

I have been asked to discuss the policy of the National American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses for this meeting, which clearly should call for very profound speech, but it has been said that profound speech is one which leaves the speaker and his listeners in a state of complete confusion. I find myself somewhat perplexed or embarrassed by the fact, will or shall this exist.

The purpose and aim of the association has many functions. It is the duties of the Officers, the directors, the committee chairmen, the various State chapters and the membership itself to work and cooperate with each other and all other healing professions to alleviate the sufferings of mankind.

In the latest issue of the Masseur, it dealt with the professional ethics, that its members should adhere to. "May I say here, that the Masseur has been a source of information and guidance to the membership, therefore assist and aid our editor-in-chief in the publication of the best things in our chosen profession. If we expect to grow, we must work. One of the National educators once said "education is the ability to do hard work" I realize the organization is in its infancy, but remember the story of the Acorn and the mighty Oak. We recognize our own limitations, but at the same time, we must do our best to uphold our profession and relieve the human suffering of mankind.

From time to time to evaluate the policy of the National Organization as to the growth of its membership, its professional ethics, service rendered, interest its members manifest as to their helpfulness of their vocation and the expansion and growth of the National Organization, encourage state meetings, for the accumulation of knowledge through the exchange of practices and ideas. The report of the states chapter usefulness is a measuring stick by which we can measure the activity of the membership and chapters. Personal contact through state chapters, individual hints and suggestions, analysis check studies, cross comparison, development and research in technical training, accumulation of knowledge, through the various information available.

In conclusion, from my point of view, the policy of the organization is to work and cooperate with its members and state chapters, usefulness in relation to human suffering, respect and recognize every member's capability and the betterment for being more tolerant.

Action, work and sincerity will always measure up personally and financially.

STATEMENT OF POLICY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MASSEURS AND MASSEUSES

1. It is the purpose and aim of the A.A.M.M. and its members to work with and cooperate with, all other healing professions amicably, but to be sub-servant to none.
2. The A.A.M.M. and its members recognizes its own limitations, but in the same token is fully aware of its wide field of usefulness in relation to most bodily infirmities.
3. The A.A.M.M. and its members will recognize and respect all ethical practitioners, and will comply and follow prescriptions sent with referred cases, unless otherwise arranged or modified with the consent of both parties.
4. The A.A.M.M. and its members reserve the right to accept patients for treatment without prescription, within the full scope of its possibilities, not conflicting with state laws.

Arthur D. Melson
Secretary-Treasurer
American Association Masseurs
and Masseuses